

Georgetown Water Department

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not met for Georgetown Water Department

Massachusetts DEP has issued a Monitoring Violation Notice of Noncompliance to the Georgetown Water Department for violating the drinking water standards for REPORTING LEAD & COPPER sample results for samples taken for 2007. This was not an emergency and never posed any risk to our customers. As our customers you have a right to know what happened and what we have done to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor LEAD & COPPER levels in 20 households throughout the system annually. Each year we have 20+ customers of 40 approved houses constructed between 1982 and 1988, plus all three schools, collect tap water samples between July 31st and August 29th. These samples were taken to a Massachusetts DEP Certified independent laboratory throughout August with the last drop on August 29th. The laboratory analyzed the samples but failed to send the results to the DEP or the Water Department on time. The Water Department compiled the reports sent them to DEP the day after we received them from the laboratory. In an attempt to prevent this from happening again Georgetown Water has switched to a different Laboratory for FY 2009

There is nothing that you, as a customer, need to do at this time. The LEAD & COPPER samples showed that the Georgetown Water System is in compliance with the LEAD & COPPER standards set forth by EPA & DEP. LEAD & COPPER results are reported in terms of sample results of 90% of the samples collected. The requirement for LEAD is that 90% of the samples be below 0.015 mg/L, 90% of Georgetown's samples were at or below 0.011. The requirement for COPPER is that 90% of the samples be below 1.30 mg/L, 90% of Georgetown's samples were at or below 0.17.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have read this notice personally.

For more information please contact Glenn F. Smith at (978) 352 – 5750

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